Financial Help for Treating 'Mite'

909. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Kerala has requsted the Government of India for additional financial help for the treatment of "Mite" which is spreading fast among the coconut cultivation in Kerala; and

(b) the details of help, that was already given to Kerala in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Kerala has sought additional financial help of Rs. 100.00 crore from the Government of India in the end of November, 1999 for fighting mite disease which is spreading fast in the coconut palms in Kerala.

(b) (i) To combat mite infestation in coconut, the Government through Coconut Development Board has released an additional amount of Rs. 96.00 lakh for utilisation during 1999-2000, to the Government of Kerala.

(ii) The Coconut Development Board has also approved additional project at a cost of Rs. 3.00 lakh to develop effective biocontrol measures against coconut mite.

Dairy Development Schemes in Orissa

910. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the States where dairy development schemes have been launched by the Government;

(b) whether any such scheme has been launched by Government in the State of Orissa during last five years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of persons who got the benefit under the scheme in that State?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) The Government of India has approved Integrated Dairy Development Projects (IDDP) in the following States and UT:—Andaman & Nicobar Island, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal